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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 120 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/50/843.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 48th, 49th and 55th meetings, on 26 and 27 March and 4 April 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.48, 49 and 55).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Committee on Contributions on its special session (A/50/11/Add.1 and Corr.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/50/L.38

4. At the 55th meeting, on 4 April, the representative of Ireland, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised a draft resolution entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" (A/C.5/50/L.38).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.38, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/207 of 23 December 1995,

Noting the number of requests by Member States to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Contributions on its special session; 1/

2. Decides that the failure of Liberia and Rwanda to pay the minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is due to conditions beyond their control and that, accordingly, they should be permitted to vote through the fifty-first session of the General Assembly; any extension should be subject to review by the Committee on Contributions;

3. Welcomes the intention of Georgia to make within a few months the minimum payment necessary to regain its right to vote and to pay its debt completely within the next three years;

4. Decides, pending receipt of this minimum payment, to permit Georgia to vote through the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

5. Takes note of paragraph 40 of the report of the Committee on Contributions 1/ and of the new information presented to the General Assembly regarding the situation in Tajikistan, which information was not available to the Committee on Contributions at its special session;

6. Decides that the failure of Tajikistan to pay the minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter is due to conditions beyond its control and that, accordingly, it should be permitted to vote through the fifty-first session of the General Assembly; any extension should be subject to review by the Committee on Contributions;

7. Notes that the Committee on Contributions was unable to consider the representation from Comoros during its special session;

1/ A/50/11/Add.1 and Corr.1. To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 11A.

8. Requests the Committee on Contributions to consider the representation from Comoros at its fifty-sixth session and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

9. Decides that, pending consideration of that report by the General Assembly and as an exceptional measure, Comoros should be permitted to vote through the fifty-first regular session;

10. Reaffirms the obligation of Member States under Article 17 of the Charter to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly;

11. Requests the Committee on Contributions to review the procedural aspects of consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter and to convey its observations thereon to the General Assembly not later than the end of the fifty-first session of the Assembly;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the earliest possible notification of Member States liable to fall under the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter in the following year;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to inform the President of the General Assembly of Member States subject to the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter as soon as possible after 1 January of each year, and also to ensure that a list of such Member States is made available to Member States at least seven days in advance of the first formal meeting of the General Assembly in each year.